Representation to Employees' representatives on KVS

1168. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether KVS Board of Governors had, on 22nd August, 1990, decided in principle to accord representation to employees' representatives on Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, whether this decision had been implemented;

(c) if so, when and how;

(d) whether the implemented decision has since been annulled;

(e) if so, when and at whose instance; and

(f) if not, the validity of the annulment of an approved decision, without an annualling decision?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These nominations were made against the then existing clause 3(b) of Memorandum of Association and Rules of KVS which *inter-alia* provided for nomination of "any person or persons to be member or members of the Sangathan" and Rule 19(9) which provided for nomination of "one or more members of the Sangathan by Govt. of India in the Board of Governors". In pursuance of the aforesaid Rules, heads of six service associations of the Sangathan were given representation on the KVS and its BOG by the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development. Their term as members of the KVS and its Board of Governors expired on 31.12.94.

(d) to (f) The Board of Governors in its meeting on 6th September, 1993 while considering a proposal from the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SCs and STs on the Ministry of Human Resource Development to provide for nomination of SCs and STs on the KVS and its BOG, resolved to delete rule 3(b) to do away with the open ended nature of the provisions for nominations so as to prevent the Sangathan from being unwieldy. Similarly, rule 19(9) was amended to ensure that such nominations would include at least one member from SCs, STs and a woman. Deletion of Rule 3(b) and amendment of rule 19(9) of the memorandum of Association and rules of KVS were approved by the Govt. of India in February, 1996. The present Rules of KVS restrict nomination against slots specified for the KVS and its board of Governors in the aforesaid Rules.

Centralisation of Recruitment in KVS

1169. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has recently ordered that recruitment of all cadres of employees will be done centrally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the rationale that prompted the Sangathan to do so

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Recruitment of all cadres except Group 'D' will be done centrally.

(b) The recruitment will be made on the basis of performance in written test interview and practical tests wherever necessary.

(c) The need for centralisation in the recruitment process was felt in order to ensure greater degree of objectivity, transparency, uniformity in standards, and selection of teachers on the basis of

proven merit as independently assessed on a uniform and standardised criteria. With this change, Regional Offices will be able to concentrate more on academic supervision and thereby bring qualitative improvement in academic standards.

Foreign Visit of Officials of Delhi University

1167. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether top officials of the Delhi University visited Japan recently at the cost of exchequer, as reported in the The Statesman of 6th January, 1999;

(b) if so, the names of officials of the University who visited Japan/abroad during the last one year at Government's cost, the purpose of such visits and total expenditure incurred on them;

(c) whether Government propose to fix responsibility in such wasteful visits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. The top officials of the University of Delhi visited Japan on the invitation of the Soka University, Japan to sign an Academic Exchange Programme with them. The entire expenditure on this visit was borne by the Soka University, Japan.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Dilapidated Condition of Prem Chand's House

1171. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the house, in which the celebrated writer Prem Chand lived and wrote, is lying in utter neglect in his village and his successors have knocked all possible doors for its suitable upkeep;

(b) whether they have also approached the Sahitya Akademi; and

(c) whether there is any likelihood of the Union Government taking it over as a national monument?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The matter has been taken up with the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for ascertaining the status of the ancestral home of Munshi Prem Chand and the steps taken by them for preserving the same.

दिल्ली नगर निगम के प्राथमिक विद्यालयों में मध्याह्न भोजन योजना

1172. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
प्रो॰ रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली नगर निगम के कितने प्राथमिक विद्यालयों में मध्याह्न का भोजन दिया जा रहा था, इससे कितने छात्र लाभान्वित होते थे, उस पर प्रतिदिन कुल कितना खर्च आता था और केन्द्र सरकार उसमें कितनी सहायता देती थी;

(ख) उक्त मध्याह्न भोजन की व्यवस्था कब और किसके आदेश पर बन्द कर दी गई;

(ग) क्या सरकार अपने स्तर पर मध्याह्न भोजन की व्यवस्था फिर से शुरू करने का प्रयास करेगी और इस संबंध में राज्य सरकारों को सहायता भी देगी; और

(घ) क्या किसी राज्य सरकार ने मध्याह्न भोजन योजना के स्थान पर किसी अन्य योजना का सुझाव दिया है और इस मामले में सरकार से सहायता मांगी है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) दिल्ली नगर निगम (एम॰सी॰डी॰) द्वारा प्रस्तुत सूचना के अनुसार वर्तमान समय में मध्याह्न भोजन की योजना में दिल्ली नगर निगम के 1800 स्कूल और 8.5 लाख प्राथमिक स्कूलों के बच्चे शामिल हैं। औसत दैनिक व्यय 14 लाख रु॰ से 17 लाख रु॰ के बीच है। केन्द्र सरकार भारतीय रु